

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIDE, OBTAINED BY CROSSLINKING WITH SUBSTITUTED  
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AS SUPERABSORBANT**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, of Federal Regulations Code, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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